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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

## ASSEMBLY BILL

**No. 1494**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Levine**

**(~~Coauthor: Coauthors: Assembly Member Members~~ Gallagher and  
Gonzalez)**

**(~~Coauthor: Senator Coauthors: Senators~~ Anderson and McGuire)**

February 27, 2015

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An act to amend Section 14291 of, and to repeal Section 14276 of, the Elections Code, relating to voting.

### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1494, as amended, Levine. Voting: marked ballots.

Existing law prohibits a voter from showing his or her ballot after it is marked in such a way as to reveal its contents. Existing law provides that a person who interferes or attempts to interfere with the secrecy of voting is guilty of a felony, and authorizes the Secretary of State, the Attorney General, or a local elections official to bring an action to impose additional civil penalties for committing those acts.

This bill would authorize a voter to voluntarily disclose how he or she voted or distribute an image of his or her own marked ballot if that voluntary act does not violate any other law.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 14276 of the Elections Code is repealed.
- 2 SEC. 2. Section 14291 of the Elections Code is amended to
- 3 read:
- 4 14291. (a) After the ballot is marked, a voter shall not show
- 5 it to any person ~~in such a way as to reveal~~ *in a manner that reveals*
- 6 its contents, except as provided in subdivision (b).
- 7 (b) A voter may voluntarily disclose how he or she voted or
- 8 distribute an image of his or her own marked ballot if that voluntary
- 9 act does not violate any other law.